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Letter dated 20 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the release of the international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, adopted on Friday, 20 April 2007 (see annex).

Furthermore, I request that you kindly circulate the above-mentioned document as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 66, 80 and 100, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the release of the international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles

The Non-Aligned Movement has received with great concern the news issued by international news agencies on the release on bail of the notorious international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles by decision of a United States Court.

As it is very well know, Mr. Posada Carriles is responsible for numerous terrorist actions against Cuba and other countries, including the terrorist attack on a Cubana de Aviación aircraft in October 1976, which caused the death to 73 innocent civilians from different countries, for which the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has requested his extradition to the Government of the United States. Despite this fact, he was been detained in United States territory under a simple accusation of an immigration violation, while the Venezuelan request has been ignored.

The Movement reaffirms its strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever, by whosoever, and against whomsoever committed, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved, which are unjustifiable whatever the considerations or factors that may be invoked to justify them.

The Movement urges all States once again, consistent with the UN Charter, to fulfil their obligations under international law and international humanitarian law in the fight against terrorism, including by prosecuting or, where appropriate, extraditing the perpetrators of terrorist acts; by preventing the organization, instigation or financing of terrorist acts against other States from within or outside their territories or by organisations based in their territories; by refraining from organizing, instigating, assisting, financing or participating in terrorist acts in the territories of other States; by refraining from encouraging activities within their territories directed towards the commission of such acts; by refraining from allowing the use of their territories for planning, training or financing for such acts; or by refraining from supplying arms or other weapons that could be used for terrorist acts in other States.

The Movement demands that all States refrain from extending, political, diplomatic, moral or material support for terrorism, and in this context, urges all States, consistent with the UN Charter and in fulfilling their obligations under international law, to ensure that refugee status or any other legal status is not abused by the perpetrators, organizers or facilitators of terrorist acts, and that claims of political motivation by them are not recognised as grounds for refusing requests for their extradition.

As it was agreed by the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement at the 14th Summit Conference held in Havana on September 2006, the Movement reiterates its support for the extradition request that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela interposed to the Government of the United States to bring Mr. Luis Posada Carriles to justice.